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LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS

Abstract of Business Transacted by the Senate and House.

WEDNESDAY (26TH).

In the House the Appropriations Committee reported the general appropriation bill; Mr. Dorman, of Suwannee, introduced a bill to prohibit certain games on Sunday, and Mr. Hall, of Suwannee, a bill to require railroad companies to maintain highway crossings, etc. The Speaker and chief clerk signed an act concerning taxation in Orlando, an act providing State aid to certain public schools, and an act abolishing the government of Lake Butler, etc. The House passed House bill prohibiting county treasurers from charging commission in certain cases; also House bill amending the license tax law of 1903; also House bill concerning the bonds of contractors and lessees of State convicts; also House bill legalizing incorporation of the town of Reddick; also House bill amending the charter of Key West.

Mr. Watson, of Osceola, introduced a resolution, which was adopted, requesting the Governor, the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund and the Railroad Commission to report itemized statements showing all moneys paid out during the past four years on account of employment of special counsel, with full details of such employment, etc.

THURSDAY.

Among Senate bills introduced were the following: By Mr. Scott, to regulate the holding of festivals for private gain; by Mr. Canova, to prohibit manufacture and sale of cigarettes; by the Committee on Temperance, substitute for a bill to provide a method for the discovery of the illicit sale of intoxicating liquors, etc. Senate bills passed: To provide for service by publication in certain cases; relative to the taking of depositions in disbarment proceedings; relating to incorporation of town of Williston; amending act relating to same; enlarging limits of Gainesville; amending act for certification of teachers; limiting amount of municipal bonds to be issued, etc.; prohibiting compensation of officers in certain cases; authorizing appointment of deputy town clerks; to punish sale, etc., of liquor to Indians; for the preservation of otters and beavers; regulating attendance in special tax school districts; prescribing measure of damages in losses by fire. House bills passed: Extending, etc., powers of city of Daytona; making deficiency appropriation for pensions payable from State convict hire; regulating running of automobiles. Enrolled acts signed: To amend law providing for assessment and collection of taxes in Orlando; abolishing present government of Lake Butler, etc.; providing State aid to certain public schools; legalizing incorporation of Lawtey; authorizing Live Oak to license business occupations, etc. Senate bill to regulate inspection, etc., of fertilizers was set as a special order for May 2.

Bills introduced in the House: By Mr. Melton, of Duval, affecting government of Jacksonville, etc.; by Mr. Stephens, of Jackson, to prescribe who shall be inmates of State reform school and proper discipline, etc., for said school. House joint resolution amending the Constitution as to salaries of supreme and circuit judges was defeated. House bills passed: Regulating width of tires on certain vehicles, etc.; taxing owners of dogs; requiring notaries to record their commissions; amending law relating to appointments of boards of medical examiners; defining tenancies at will, etc.; for the relief of Bradford county. House bills indefinitely postponed or defeated: Prohibiting shooting of live birds for amusement or marksmanship; amending law relating to circuit clerks' fees.

Resolutions extending thanks to officials and people of Pensacola for hospitable entertainment were adopted unanimously on motion of Mr. Watson, of Osceola.

FRIDAY.

A resolution, duplicate of that in the House, was introduced by Senator Jackson and adopted, requesting State officials to report amounts paid out for special counsel fees for the past four years. Senator Gillen introduced the kindergarten bill. Senate bill to provide a local road system for Osceola county was passed; also House bill amending license tax law. Adjourned to Monday.

Bills were introduced in the House to require taxation of franchises; to reimburse owners of stolen property from convict hire fund; making appropriations for six State educational institutions. The Key West extension bill was considered, amended and made a special order for Saturday. The House passed House bills -- to protect food fishes; to increase compensation of county commissioners; to define a lawful fence in a certain locality; to authorize Ocala to assess property for taxation, etc.; to authorize Ocala to combine certain municipal offices. House bill to tax record of mortgages, notes, etc., was indefinitely postponed. Chair-

man Jefferson B. Browne, of the R. R. Commission transmitted a detailed statement showing amounts paid by the commission since its organization, July 1897, for special counsel fees, aggregating the sum of \$9,844.90, an average of over \$1300 per year. Of this sum, \$6,439.35, or over 65 per cent., was paid to J. M. Barrs, of Jacksonville.

SATURDAY.

In the House a concurrent resolution was offered, considered, amended and adopted, for a joint committee to investigate and report on certain sites for a Governor's mansion. The joint resolution for a constitutional amendment increasing the salaries of circuit and supreme judges, was reconsidered, amended and finally defeated. House bill establishing teachers' summer schools was passed; Mr. Melton's bill for a Governor's mansion was considered, and the Senate's Key West extension bill was amended and passed, by a vote of 34 to 13.

MONDAY.

Senator Harris introduced, and the Senate passed, a resolution authorizing the Judiciary Committee, in considering the bill to authorize the Comptroller to draw his warrant for the payment of the Wailes claim, to take testimony, administer oaths, print the testimony, send for persons and papers and employ a stenographer. President Trammell introduced a bill to prohibit certain State educational institutions from maintaining preparatory, sub-collegiate, sub-freshman and academic departments, etc. The Senate passed Senate bill amending the law establishing a criminal court for Hillsborough county; and indefinitely postponed Senate bill to define duties of circuit clerks, and Senator Bailey's special pension bill. Senator Faulkner's substitute for the bill to discover illicit sellers of liquor ("blind tigers") was set for Thursday.

In the House, a resolution of the Tallahassee City Council was received, proposing to convey any vacant square in the city for a Governor's mansion. Mr. Knight of Citrus introduced (and it was adopted) a resolution requesting State officials and boards to furnish a list of all persons employed in each department, etc., showing their duties, salary and time each day required for their services. The kindergarten bill was introduced by Mr. Wells of Hillsborough. House bills passed: Amending primary election law; providing compensation for county judges and justices of the peace engaged in hearing trials. Senate bill passed: To protect sureties. Indefinitely postponed: House bill prohibiting payment of poll-taxes by persons other than those from whom such taxes are due.

TUESDAY.

The Senate adopted House concurrent resolution for deepening the harbor of Punta Gorda and mouth of Charlotte Harbor. Senator Crill introduced a bill authorizing certain charitable and benevolent institutions to act as guardians of minors, etc.

The House granted use of hall for convention of county school superintendents May 9 and 10. State Chemist R. E. Rose reported expenditures and other details of employees in his department, showing total expenses for 1903-1904, \$12,701.77, and amount to credit of general revenue, in addition to the above for said two years, \$38,577.99. Chairman Browne, of the Railroad Commission, transmitted similar information, showing that the Commission employs a secretary, stenographer and janitor; annual salaries aggregated \$1,980.

Gov. Broward reported acts signed as follows: To declare legal incorporation of Lawtey, etc., to amend law regarding powers of Live Oak to collect license taxes. House changed hours of meeting, 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., and 3 to 6 p. m. Mr. Avery, of Escambia introduced a bill "to prohibit any life insurance company doing business in this State from making or permitting any distinction or discrimination in favor of individuals between insureds of the same class and expectation of life in the amount or payment of premiums, and providing a penalty therefor."

The Key West railway bill, passed yesterday, was reconsidered, amended, and passed by a vote of 49 to 11. House bill to amend the registration act was passed.

Maccabees Organized.

N. B. Broward Tent, Knights of the Modern Maccabees, was organized on Wednesday evening with 18 members, the officers-elect being as follows: Past Commander, Gov. N. B. Broward. Commander, Prof. J. N. Anderson. Lt. Commander, Prof. E. I. Matthews. Chaplain, W. G. Mason. Physician, Dr. Fred C. Moor. Sergeant, E. E. Strickland. Master-at-Arms, W. T. Collins. Master-at-Guard, J. M. Ferrell. Second Master-at-Guard, W. C. Jeter. Sentinel, R. B. Gorman, Jr. Picket, C. L. Grigsby.

The installations were made by Supervising Deputy A. C. Hamrick, assisted by Special Deputy F. B. Biddulph. Each member of the new tent pledged himself to secure, if possible, one new member before the date of the next regular meeting.

Wanted:

Several copies each of The True Democrat of March 3, (No. 1) and April 7, (No. 6).

In Memoriam.

On Tuesday afternoon, under lowering skies which ever and again wept in rainy tears, the mortal part of Mrs. Thursa Chancey was laid away for its eternal rest, while her released spirit winged its way Heavenward.

Mrs. Chancey died Monday morning about 10 o'clock, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with a true Christian spirit, and a patience that made the affliction seem less than it really was. She was 59 years of age, and had been married to her bereaved husband, Wm. H. Chancey, Esq., for about thirty-five years, having spent her entire life as a resident of Tallahassee. She leaves two grown children, Mr. Allen A. Chancey, of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. A. G. Cox, who resides in Georgia, both of whom attended the funeral services.

The funeral took place at the family residence, and was conducted by Rev. J. W. Bigham, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, of which the deceased was a worthy and esteemed member. Sweet voices of sympathetic women comforted the bruised hearts of the mourning ones, and many old friends of the departed one, and of her husband, assembled to do honor to her memory and to express their profound sympathy for him and his family in the hour of affliction.

Mr. J. Duncan directed the ceremonies, and the pallbearers were Messrs. F. W. Armstrong, D. M. Lutz, W. H. Markham, May Walker, John G. Collins and A. Stephenson. The interment was in the cemetery and the floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Lecture Tuesday Night.

The Christian Science denomination in Florida, while not the largest in point of numbers, is well represented in the State. The members of this society have united in inviting Mr. Bicknell Young of Chicago, a member of the Board of Lectureship of that city, to deliver a lecture in the Capital City. As the lecture is free and complimentary in every sense, we should be happy to avail ourselves of the opportunity to learn more about a subject which is probably more misunderstood than almost and of the great questions of the day. The lecture will be held at the Opera House next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock and all are cordially invited.

PANACEA SPRINGS LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Panacea Springs, May 4--Your correspondent has not sent up anything for the past three weeks, not because there has not been anything to write about, but because he has been too busy to write it, and that may be correctly construed to mean that there has been much more than usual to write about. First, the house-keeper, Miss Cover, got sick, imposing double duty on your scribe; duties, too, with which he was totally unfamiliar, and made a poor attempt at discharging, and then he "got busy" taking some of the "bumps" out of the tram road. Among it all many things had to be neglected temporarily, and among them the weekly letter to your paper.

Things are again moving along more smoothly now, however. The house-keeper has returned to her duties, a full complement of servants have been secured and the worst "bumps" taken out of the tram tracks, to the great delight of travelers to and from this place.

Last week we had with us two of the most successful fishermen, or rather fisherman and fisherwoman that have visited Panacea Springs this year. I refer to Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Livingston, Newton, Ga. They were accompanied by Mrs. Mary Livingston, of Blakeley, mother of Mr. Livingston, and Mrs. B. F. Hurspeth, of Camilla, Ga., mother of Mr. Livingston, and one of their little daughters and Mrs. C. A. Roles, of Camilla.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. McClain, of Pelham, Ga., have been at the hotel for a couple of weeks, accompanied by three of their children.

Messrs. F. J. Cochran, W. A. Demilly, and C. Z. Fenn, of Tallahassee spent part of last week here.

Mr. O. B. Hall, of Concord, is among the past week's arrivals.

Mr. Oscar Vaughan, wife and daughters, of Columbus, Ga., left a few days ago to visit relatives at Tallahassee, after four days stay here.

Thos. H. Hall and little daughter, Mary E. Hall, came down Friday and remained until Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Susie R. Hamilton, and son, Noble R. Hamilton, of Bainbridge, Ga., are among the latest arrivals. They will be here for a week or so, and already have become favorites among the guests.

Mr. Don B. Gordon, of Andalusia, Ala., came over the 1st of May. This is his third visit, and he comes to put in most of the season here for the benefit of the water.

Dr. Edwin D. Newton, of Carrabelle, arrived last night. This is also his third visit since last October.

In addition to taking the bumps out of the tram track, another improvement in transportation facilities is being made, which will no doubt be appreciated. Spring seats for the cars have arrived, and will be put on in a few days. It is hoped that in this way riding over from

the station will be made more pleasant, until the railroad is built.

Mr. E. Dubois came down from Tallahassee a few days ago to talk with contractors regarding the building of an elegant cottage on one of his Panacea lots, between Dr. Gwynn's and Mr. Hall's cottages.

Mr. Hall is having some improvements added to his cottage.

Capt. Wilson (Cervera) has just completed a small cottage south of the one he occupies at present. He will live in the new one and rent the other.

During the past week a lot has been sold to a Georgia gentleman, who will build this summer or fall.

Mr. William Carr arrived a few days ago with his family and is occupying his cottage, north of the spring. He has bought two more lots over there and will build another cottage.

Surveyor John C. Hodge, of Sopchoppy, was here a few days ago and surveyed several blocks of lots north of the springs. Recently there has been quite a demand for lots on that side, and this survey was made to supply it.

Miss Sadie Hall's new sailboat is nearing completion. It will be about as large as any on the bay, and it has been predicted that it will be the fastest in the fleet.

Hotel Manager Trice is having constructed a long walk and bath house. As soon as these are completed he will build another salt-water bath house on the sands at Sand Channel. Excursions will then be run daily to the latter place.

Mr. H. M. Mitchell, of Pelham, Ga., after spending nearly a month here, expects to return home Friday. The waters have greatly benefited him and he will come again when he can.

A hearty laugh was enjoyed by a party of gentlemen at Sopchoppy a few days ago, at the expense of Panacea's rival. They had noted for several days extensive "write-ups" in the Atlanta dailies of this rival, laying particular stress on the curative properties of that water, and the laugh was caused by seeing at Sopchoppy a carboy of Panacea water addressed to the wife of the chief promoter of the rivalspring. The lady drinks Panacea water all the time.

WOODVILLE ITEMS.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Woodville, May 3--Dr. James Williamson, of North Carolina, visited his uncle, Mr. F. C. Williamson, of this village, Saturday, returning to Tallahassee Monday.

Mr. H. H. Isler, of Tallahassee, came down Thursday to see his mother, who has been quite ill. As she was a great deal better he returned to the Capital City Sunday.

Mrs. B. F. Isler, of Centreville, is visiting relatives here.

Mr. C. J. Posey, who is living on Mr. W. A. Register's plantation, about two and one-half miles from here, and Miss Edna White, formerly of Medart, Fla., were married Saturday afternoon in Crawfordville.

The Woodville school will close Friday, May 12th. The event will be celebrated by a picnic at the Isler Springs, about one-half mile from Woodville. There will be recitations and songs by the school. Music will be furnished by a string band which will be engaged especially for the occasion. Refreshments will be served by the Woodmen Circle.

The Woodville Camp of the Woodmen held a meeting at the schoolhouse Friday night.

Mr. T. J. Isler went to Tallahassee yesterday to witness the reception of the battle flags by the Daughters of the Confederacy.

The annual picnic at Wakulla Springs will take place Saturday. Several Woodvillians contemplate attending.

The Public

Is cordially invited to attend a free lecture on "Christian Science" by Mr. Bicknell Young, C. L. D., of Chicago, member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass., at Munro's Opera House, Tallahassee, Fla., Tuesday evening, May 9, at 8 o'clock; given under the auspices of the Christian Scientists of Florida.

Mr. Robert Gamble, of Thomasville, Ga., is in the city.

"Sherlock Holmes" will be presented at the "Opera House" to-night by the students of the Florida State College. Judging from their former productions it should be a decided success. They should have the support of a large audience.

CARRABELLE LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

Steamer S. C. Drake of Bainbridge, Ga., arrived Thursday, in command of Capt. Robert E. Spiers. The Drake will ply Crooked and Ocklockcomee rivers.

Steamer City of Carrabelle was towed in Sunday last by Steamer S. C. Drake. She was disabled by the loss of a rudder.

Mr. Fred Gray, chief engineer on the Steamer Orono, was assisting Capt. Ira Mattair in taking one of the rudders loose when it slipped from them striking Mr. Gray on the nose inflicting a serious wound. Dr. F. F. Ferris, of Apalachicola, dressed the wound. It was necessary to take several stitches.

RETURN OF THE BATTLE-FLAGS.

Imposing Scenes and Ceremonies in Representative Hall.

The exercises celebrating the return of the Florida battle-flags by the National Government last Tuesday were attended by a very large and enthusiastic audience. The Representative Hall, where the exercises were held, under a joint resolution of the two branches of the Legislature, was packed to the doors by a perfect mass of humanity.

On the speaker's rostrum there were the Hon. Park Trammell, president of the Senate; Hon. Albert Gilchrist, speaker of the House; Governor N. B. Broward, ex-Governor Frances P. Fleming, Hon. Geo. P. Raney, the Rev. J. W. Bigham, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Rev. Dr. W. H. Carter, pastor of the St. Johns Episcopal Church.

As the flags were borne through the crowded hall by old veterans of the Confederacy, and stacked about the speaker's desk the audience rose with one accord, and cheer after cheer went up until the old Capitol's walls, the scene of so many historical, soul-stirring events, resounded with the echoes. Many an old, weather-beaten veteran was visibly moved by the sight of those old battle scarred standards--emblems of such heroism and glory.

The flags returned are as follows:

Battle flag of the Second Florida Infantry.

Battle flag of the Fourth Florida Infantry. Captured by First Lieutenant Charles H. McCleary, Co. "C," 72nd Ohio Volunteers.

Battle flag of the Sixth Florida Infantry. Captured by Private Otis Smith, Co. "G," 95th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at the Battle of Brentwood Hills, near Nashville, Tenn., December 16th, 1864.

Battle flag of the Eighth Florida Infantry. Captured by Sergeant Thomas Horan, 72nd New York Volunteers, Third Excelsior Brigade.

Battle flag of the Eighth Florida Infantry. Captured in the Battle of Sailors' Creek, April 6th, 1865, by First Sergeant A. A. Clapp, Co. "G," Second Ohio Veteran Volunteer Cavalry, First Brigade, Third Cavalry Division, General Custer commanding.

Battle flag of the Eleventh Florida Infantry. Captured in the Battle of Sailors' Creek, Virginia, April 6th, 1865, by First Lieutenant A. T. Lamfere, Co. "B," First Connecticut Cavalry, First Brigade, Third Cavalry Division, General Custer commanding.

Battle flag of the Eighteenth Florida Infantry. Captured in the Battle of Sailors' Creek, April 6th, 1865, by Private Daniel Woods, Company "K," First Virginia Veteran Volunteer Cavalry, Third Brigade, Third Cavalry Division, General Custer commanding.

Flag of Apalachicola Guards. As soon as quiet could be restored the vast assembly led by a selected choir sang "America," after which the Rev. Mr. Bigham offered a prayer.

"Tenting on the Old Camp Grounds" was then sung after which Hon. Geo. P. Raney, introduced Hon. Francis P. Fleming, who addressed the audience. Both Gov. Fleming's address and that of Gov. Broward were thoughtful, patriotic addresses, loyal to the "Lost Cause," and to our reunited country, and both speakers were frequently interrupted by applause.

"Swanee River" and "Dixie" were sung with every one joining in, after which Rev. Dr. Carter delivered the benediction and closed a scene that has never had the counterpart in the history of the world--the celebration of the return of battle flags by the conquerors to the conquered.

Truly such an event proves beyond cavil ours to be a reunited country.

Mrs. Wm. Schoellas, of Apalachicola, is visiting Mrs. C. L. Walthren.

Mrs. S. P. Hollinrake and children returned from Palatka last week, to the delight of Agent Hollinrake, the efficient and popular agent of the C. L. & G. R. R. Co.

Maj. Coles is the distinguished guest of Mr. S. P. Hollinrake.

Dr. H. D. Wilson, of Bainbridge, spent a week here doing everybody's dental work satisfactory.

Mr. Chas. E. Campbell has embarked in the mercantile business at the Pethway stand. We wish him much success.

The Woodmen of the World gave an ice cream supper in Westberg's Hall Saturday night. This was much enjoyed by all that attended.

A New York yacht was at the wharf Saturday for gasoline. She was from Miami enroute to Galveston, Tex.

We are having some splendid showers and the gardens are flourishing.

A quiet but pretty wedding was that of Mr. Joseph Saunders and Miss Leila May Gray which was solemnized in the presence of a few friends at the home of the bride-elect, at 6:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Wells being the officiating clergyman. A host of friends wish for them a long and happy life.